

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Stephen P. Lee, Deputy County Wittorney

FROM:

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CONCUR:

Pam Hastings Administrative Manager/Public Works Department

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DATE:

December 24, 2003

SUBJECT:

Settlement Authorization

East Lake Mary Boulevard, Phase IIB

Parcel Nos.: 220 and 820 Owner: Elgan A. Stappe, II

Seminole County vs. Nordman, et al.

Case No.: 03-CA-2121-13-L

This Memorandum requests settlement authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for Parcel Nos. 220 and 820 on the East Lake Mary Boulevard, Phase IIB project. The recommended settlement is at the total sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIXTEEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$45,016.00), inclusive of all land value, severance damage, statutory interest, attorney's fees, and cost reimbursements.

PROPERTY

A. **Location Data**

Parcel No. 220 is a fee simple acquisition of 17,079.9 square feet. Parcel No. 820 is a permanent drainage easement of 2,260.9 square feet. The strip acquisitions range in depth from 32 feet to 108 feet across the frontage of the property. A location map is attached as Exhibit A.

B. Street Address

The street address is 3886 Bridges Road, Sanford, Florida. A parcel sketch is attached as Exhibit B.

II AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE

The BCC adopted Resolution No. 2003-R-47 on February 11, 2003, authorizing the acquisition of Parcel Nos. 220 and 820, and finding that the East Lake Mary Boulevard Project was necessary and served a public purpose and was in the best interest of the citizens of Seminole County.

III ACQUISITIONS AND REMAINDER

The fee simple acquisition consists of 17,079.9 square feet and the permanent easement is 2,260.9 square feet leaving a remainder of 4.1014 acres encumbered by the easement.

IV APPRAISED VALUES

The County's appraisal report was prepared by The Spivey Group, Inc., Ted Hastings, MAI. The appraised value was \$16,100.00.

The property owner did not have an appraisal performed; however, the owner used Calhoun, Dreggors, and Associates for consultation. It was reported that the appraiser would be directed to find significant severance damages.

V NEGOTIATION

This settlement was negotiated by the county's acquisition agents with the owner's acceptance following the order of take.

The negotiated sum includes plan changes including: (1) the construction of a 24' joint use driveway apron on the westerly 12' of the parcel. The other half of the 24' joint use driveway is to be constructed on the easterly 12' of Parcel No. 207; and (2) the driveway apron will be at 10% grade or less.

VI COST AVOIDANCE

By this settlement, the County avoids the following additional costs, beyond those for which it is already liable by law:

- A. A potential jury verdict in excess of the settlement sum;
- B. All statutory interest;

- C. Additional attorney fees; and
- D. Costs to proceed further.

VII ANALYSIS

The settlement sum at \$45,016.00 includes all cost reimbursements and attorney fees. The settlement sum is above appraised value. However, it is inclusive of all attorney fees and costs. Also, a full appraisal cost by the owner, as well as, the planned severance damage claim is avoided.

VIII RECOMMENDATION

County staff recommends that the BCC approve this settlement in the amount of \$45,016.00 with design changes. The settlement sum is totally inclusive of all attorney fees and costs and concludes all matters in this case.

HMB/sb Attachments: Exhibit A Exhibit B

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